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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed with the application.

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

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1. The above-identified U.S. application claims priority to application Serial No. PCT/JP04/019775, filed December 24, 2004. If the Examiner has not had the benefit of review of the file history of PCT/JP04/019775, then he/she is asked to contact the undersigned, who will provide a copy of same.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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	1	US-4,894,302		Hoffman et al.	01-16-1990

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	2	Japan	2003-506832	A		02-18-2003	N
	3	Japan	11-345610			12-14-1999	N
	4	Japan	11-162467			06-18-1999	N
	5	Japan	2002-75360	A		03-15-2002	N
	6	Japan	6-163080			06-10-1994	N
	7	Japan	2002-270244	A		09-20-2002	N

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